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SUBJECT: UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1803: OMANI RESPONSE

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Classified By: Ambassador Gary A. Grappo for Reasons 1.4 (b, d)

[1](#)1. (C) Pol-Econ Chief relayed reftel points on March 5 to Humaid al-Ma'ani, Office Director for Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Director General Sayyid Badr al-Busaidi. A copy of UN Security Council Resolution 1803 (including annexes) and the P5 plus 1 Ministers' Statement was delivered to the MFA via diplomatic note. In response, al-Ma'ani stated that Oman abides by UN Security Council resolutions, but added that the government continues to believe that sanctions against Iran are counter-productive and strengthen hard-line attitudes in Tehran.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Aside from wire service news reports on Resolution 1803, there have been no editorials or opinion pieces in local press on the latest UN sanctions against Iran. Omani internet chatrooms to date have also been relatively quiet on the subject.
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